Statement-II

Year-wise towns (New) covered and Central Assistance released under the IDSMT scheme during the last 5 years

(*Rs. in crores*)

S.No.	Year	No. ofTowns	Central Assistance Released
1.	1997-98	16	26.02
2.	1998-99	25	35.05
3.	1999-2000	60	43.46
4.	2000-2001	53	56.17
5.	2001-2002 (Till 15.2.2002)	63	46.33

Non-release of grants to NGOs

*51. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many projects being undertaken by NGOs and duly recommended by State Governments are kept in abeyance due to non-release of funds to them;

(b) if so, the reasons for not releasing funds;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the projects recommended by State Governments are not taken seriously for grants; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Funds are sanctioned by the Ministry to the NGOs on the recommendations of the State Government. However, sanction of funds to NGOs though forwarded by the State Government, cannot be made if the proposal does not fulfil the requisite criteria or complete information is not made available. In such cases, the NGOs are advised to suitably modify the proposal, submit the necessary information, documents etc.